

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9 are pending; no claims are newly added, amended, or canceled herewith.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Courtney et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,665,518, hereafter Courtney in view of Montpetit (U.S. Pat. No. 6,366,761).

At the outset, Applicant thanks Examiner Dean for the interview granted Applicants' representatives on August 19, 2005. During the interview, the distinctions between independent Claims 1, 2, and 9 were discussed with regard to the applied combination of Courtney and Montpetit.

More specifically, as agreed during the interview, neither of the applied references discloses or suggests the claimed second forward satellite channel having a larger capacity than the first satellite channel. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection of Claims 1-9 be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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